

FCC Regulators:

As a citizen of the United States, I have a stake in the ownership of the airwaves over which groups like Sinclair Broadcasting intend to air a blatantly anti-John Kerry documentary just a few days ahead of the coming presidential election. The FCC is charged with regulating the airwaves and administering the public grant of trust under which broadcasters operate in this country. It is a sad artifact of de-regulation attempts in years past that equal time requirements for broadcasters were long ago struck from the lawbooks. When a pro-Administration business like Sinclair attempts to influence the outcome of a presidential election, the public trust principle crumbles before corporate financial and political interests. This is made all the more complicated when the regulating organization is chaired by the son of one of the ministers of the current presidential Administration. The FCC needs to act to prevent and sanction Sinclair's abuse of its grant. Thinking Americans wait for genuine short and long-term action to assure this kind of abuse -- by Sinclair or by others equally biased -- does not occur again.

Thank you.

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